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*Barnard & Brohm - Ian's Coming
Home (Ian is on right)*

Recording Artists Returing Home For Fundraising Concert

Country Recording artists Barnard & Brohm are scheduled to play a special concert in Minden to their home town crowd and they're bringing with them their friends - also local traveling artists, the Dixie Chicklets. The big event will be a fundraiser with proceeds going to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Women's Auxiliary. The show was the idea of Ian Brohm who grew up in the Haliburton Highlands. He has been away for the past five years pursuing his musical career abroad and says he can't wait to play to his hometown crowd where it all started. When does this all take place? July 13th and tickets are on sale now!

Things have been going very

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*The Dixie Chicklets - "The ultimate tribute
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We're Going Bi-Weekly Now you can enjoy The Communicator twice a month!!

Due to the tremendous amount of businesses, people, activities and things happening in our great county, we've found the need to publish additional issues through the busy summer months in order to cover everything properly.

We can't keep the Communicator on the stands - they're

going too quick - they're gone as fast as we can print them - (& we print thousands), and we're continuing to grow - the time has come. We've also had lots of calls from readers & advertisers wanting MORE Communicators - and we thank you all for your support and encouragement!!



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There's Lots Of Excitement Planned For This Year's SKi For MS In Haliburton

Join in the excitement at Head Lake June 13 - 15th for the return of the Ski for MS - Round 3. Not only will you see some great wakeboarding and waterskiing, but so much more is planned for this growing event.

There is a big party planned for Saturday night at a local venue. There will be bands coming in from Toronto and surrounding areas to keep everyone happy. They are providing much viewing pleasure down at the waterfront for all to come see as some of Canada's finest show us their moves. As well, organizers will be adding a "BMX JUMP OFF" and hopefully the styling of Team Style Master- the freestyle dirt biking team.

Another addition to the event - the guys from Haliburton Water Sports are hard at work creating the Ultimate Bikini contest that will provide finalists with prizes donated by the Boudicea Agency. The entry fee is \$15, with all proceeds going to the MS Society. First prize - a 1 year contract with Boudicea. "We have two of the nicest wakeboarding boats out on the market in the water and the rail slide contest is going to be phenomenal.



There is a list longer than my Christmas list of companies that will have booths and will have all their new 2003-wakeboarding gear on display," say the organizers.

This event all began with the hard work of local resident Chris Nimigon who in September of 2000 stumbled on a similar event in Chicago. He telephoned the couple who were operating this fund raising event in the U.S. and they soon told him how to run one in Canada. "At the time I had no idea what a large commitment was involved," says Chris. He started his journey and set a date for May 19, 2001. For his first year, Chris had a small amount of skiers, but the event went extremely well. "After finishing the event, I came to the conclusion that I can make this event huge," says Chris. "So I started Ski for MS Round 2 - 2002."

"When the Friday night came, so did the snow, rain, high winds and the cold. A lot of riders thought the event was cancelled. Some showed up and some just said no way," says Chris.

To avoid the unpredictable May weather, organizers have moved the event to the 2nd weekend in June. "This way even if it rains, it will be a warm rain, and it has never snowed in June. We have a million new ideas evolving for the third year and this is an event that cannot be missed," exclaimed Chris.

Participants Welcome!!

The event is open to participants as well as spectators. Please contact organizers to pre-register. Competitors require \$100.00 worth of pledges to come into the event. The more money you raise the better chance of winning something big! All money collected goes to the MS Society of Canada.

Competitor registration begins on the Friday evening. On Saturday the boats arrive at 8 a.m. sharp. There is also a free ride jam starting at 9:30 a.m. on Head Lake. The swimsuit competition takes place from around noonish on. The open party will take place at 10 p.m. to close.

On the Sunday, the fun continues with an early morning company and staff ride from 8 - 10 a.m. The railslide competition takes place from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the prize giveaways take place from noon to finish at Head Lake.

The event sponsors have ensured that each rider will be going home very happy. Prizes include everything from T's to Wakeboards.

Prizes are given for those who place in the competitions - (Freestyle & Railslide), Sickest Trick (Am's, Intermediates &

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Bringing An Estimated \$2 Million Plus To The Area

by Brett Irvine

It's a little business that you don't hear much about here in the Highlands, yet it's responsible for bringing well over 2 million dollars annually to our local economy. It's also the little business that grew!

Bill Dewey, owner of WRD Cottage Rental began the business in Haliburton in 1995 with only 5 cottages to rent and now WRD represents 157 privately owned cottages in Haliburton County, the Kawarthas, and Muskokas. "It's going nuts up here now," says Bill. "It's a very vibrant, growing business in the Highlands."

Last year WRD was responsible for bringing 4500 people to our area. "We estimated that over two million dollars would have come here due to the cottage rental business," says Bill. "If you think about it, they all buy gas here, groceries, go to events, restaurants, the liquor store, gift stores, rent boats, etc. They're here on holidays and they spend money. It's great, and the money pretty well stays here. The more people that come here to visit, the better it is for everyone."

Of the 157 cottages that WRD represents for rental, 98% of the time allotted was booked with 60% of the business being repeat customers. The well positioned WRD web site has also received over 152,000 hits in the past 16 months. Are they doing something right here?

WRD also employs five local people year round in Haliburton. "We work hard at what we do and we're proud of the business and our reputation," says Bill.

The majority of WRD's clients come from the Golden Horseshoe area (Niagara Peninsula), Toronto, London, Ottawa and Montreal but they have had lots of visitors from as far

away as Britain, France and Australia.

The cottage rental business was quite a change for Bill to dive into as he spent over 20 years in the photographic business. Not taking photographs but rather traveling the world as a marketing guru for OLIN Corporation which produces photographic chemicals. Bill spent time throughout the U.S., South America, Africa and Asia marketing for OLIN. He finally ended up in Singapore where he was responsible for creating OLIN Hunt Photographic Chemicals, a huge company that was purchased later by Fuji Film. He stayed on with the company for 4 years before finally deciding (with his family who traveled with him) to return to a four seasons area. "It was always so hot in Asia," says Bill.

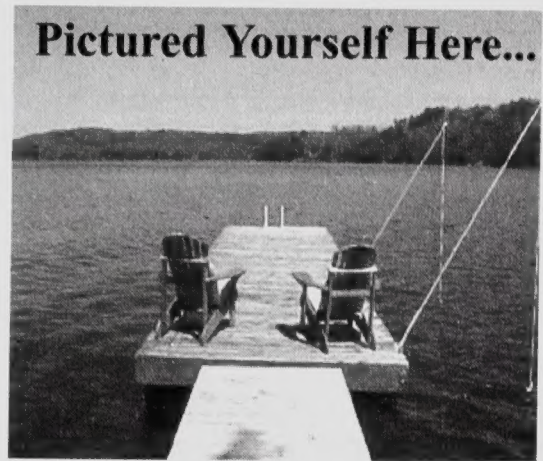
Back in the Highlands, Bill and his wife,



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Pictured is the WRD team: Joellen Ingram, Kerry Wells, Kelly Wells, Bob Dewey and Bill Dewey.

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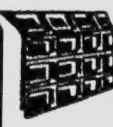
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A Turtle Story ...

Hazel Has Gelert Family & Peterborough Turtle Trauma Centre To Thank

Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the other side! For many of us that live in the Highlands, we know that at this time of year we have to keep alert while driving to avoid those turtles crossing the road -along with many other species.

For Louise Packer and her 13 yr. old daughter, Emily of Gelert, this problem became quite a learning experience. Louise explains, "While driving home one evening, we happened to be following a vehicle that purposely swerved to hit a small turtle on the side of the road. We were horrified. We stopped to see if the poor little thing was still alive and when we found that she was, we took her to the Minden Veterinary Clinic."

The turtle had been hit on the front of the shell, which resulted in both of her eyes popping out of the sockets and a small crack in the shell. The vet indicated to them that she was a Blanding's Turtle, (which is an endangered species), and that if she didn't die of the shock, she would be blind.

"We took her home with us," Emily says, "and I found a Tupperware container and tried to make her comfortable." Soon afterwards Emily built an outside pond for her turtle beside a hazel tree in the yard. Louise laughs, "That's how she got the name of Hazel."

Emily spent the summer nursing Hazel back to health and after about a month of hand feeding, she started eating on her own. By the end of the summer, she was doing very well. However as fall turned to winter, Louise and Emily started to notice that Hazel had stopped eating and seemed to be trying to hibernate.

That's when they discovered a really unique and interesting service that is available, called the Kawartha Turtle Trauma

Centre. "When I called them, I was very impressed by how quickly and caring they responded," says Louise, "They asked us to bring Hazel in right away."

The Centre, which is located at the Riverview Park and Zoo in Peterborough, provides medical, surgical and rehabilitative care to injured, native turtles in order to eventually release them back into their natural habitat. According to the Trauma Centre, turtles of Ontario are in trouble. Six of the eight species have been identified by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, as being at risk. That's where places like the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre come in to try to make a difference in that disturbing trend.

Louise and Emily are very relieved to know that Hazel is in such good hands. "I think it's a phenomenal thing that they are doing. All the vets involved give their time voluntarily, and it's amazing how hard they work to save each turtle brought in and then to rehabilitate them."

Donations of old braces appreciated!!

The Trauma Centre has a lot of turtles come to them with cracked shells. In the past they used fiberglass to repair them, but they are now trying a different technique using dental braces and wire to reduce the fracture. This method of fracture repair will allow them to monitor the healing shell to decrease the chance of infection.

So calling all kids! They need your used dental braces to repair those damaged shells! If you have braces that you can donate, the Trauma Centre would greatly appreciate them. You can

send them to the Riverview Park and Zoo at KTTC c/o Riverview Park and Zoo, P.O. Box 4125, Peterborough, ON, K9J 6Z5. If you would like to find out more about the Centre, check out their homepage at www.kawarthaturtle.org/. This is a really interesting website! Help them save a turtle!

**To The
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Young Eagles Day Offers Chance For Youths To Fly For FREE!

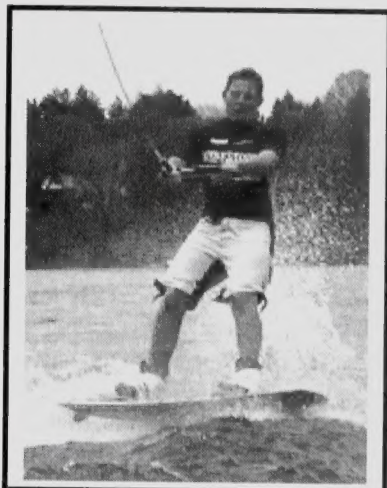
Hey kids!! Did you ever want to give flying a try? You can for FREE at the Stanhope Airport on June 1 & 2.

The event, "Young Eagles" was started by the Experimental Aircraft Association in the United States years ago – the goal is to take one million kids flying as an introductory to flying by the year 2005. "We are involved with this effort," says airport advisory treasurer Jim Hopkins.

There is no cost and it is open to youths 7 – 17. Parental permission is required. Flights will take place both the Saturday and Sunday, and youths will be seeing the sights of Haliburton as these planes circle the area providing many with their first ever flight.

Ski For MS An Event For Participants & Spectators!

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Pro), Sickest Run (Am's, Intermediates & Pro), Biggest Bail (Am's, & Intermediates & Pro + Rail Bails), What the heck kinda trick was that (Am's), Biggest crowd pleaser (Pro), Getting pledges (All), Entering competition (All).

If you would like to participate you can contact Chris Nimigon, P.O. Box 1082, Haliburton, ON K0M

1S0, 1-416-333-4254-Cell, 1-705-457-9050-Haliburton Home or email: wakeboarderswelcome@hotmail.com. You can also go to www.haliburtonwatersports.com and click on the ski for ms tab. Within this site there is all the information as well as an online registration form and pledge forms.

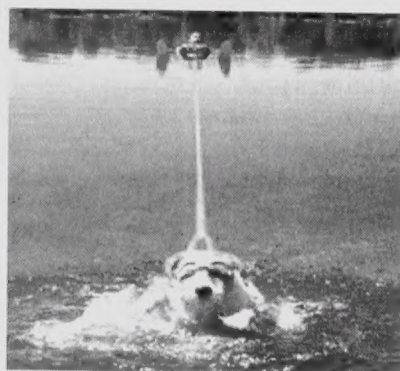
pictured above is organizer Chris Nimigon during last year's chilly competition.

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Can You Spell Dumb?:

A supermarket clerk in Hickory, N.C., was suspicious when two men tried to cash a payroll check from "Boryhill Furmiture", rather than the chain's correctly spelled name, Broyhill Furniture. They ran when she called the police. Investigators think they printed the check themselves, copying names out of the phonebook. "There's a good possibility that if the name on the check had been spelled correctly, they would have gotten away with it," a police spokesman said. The duo has not been captured, but police arrested two women that were with them, and recovered 42 counterfeit checks from various businesses. (...Word on the street is the victimized companies included such notable names as Saefwae, WallMark, Al's State Inshurence and computer giant IMB.)



Don't Move...

A pair of Michigan robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first one shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, it startled the first bandit and he shot his accomplice.

WRD Cottage Rental Takes Care of All The Work ...

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Carol, both decided they wanted to remain active in business. Carol decided to open a Teddy bear and Christmas store called Teddy Time and Bill opened the cottage rental business. Both businesses are successful today and they look forward to many more successful years in the future.

Always remember, no matter what business you're in, in the Highlands, that sooner or later when a dollar passes through your hands, that in some way it may be related to the cottage rental business or at least some part of tourism in the Highlands.

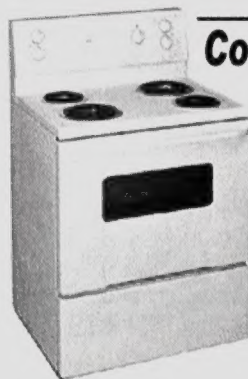
How does the cottage rental business work? There are thousands of people from all over the world that are seeking the opportunity to visit the Highlands and stay in cottages. There are also people who own cottages but don't have time to use them much. Instead of the cottages sitting empty, it can provide an income for the property owner by having the cottage rented to someone.

Instead of having to run ads and rent their cottages to people they don't know, collect the money for the rental, and worry about the renters, cottage owners can trust in the services of WRD Cottage Rental. WRD will screen all renters, check on the cottages, collect all fees and pay the cottage owner directly. That's nice and stress free.

"It's a good way to bring in some extra income for the cottage owner," says Bill. "They can use the extra money for taxes, repairs, or mortgage payments...whatever."

Again, all prospective renters are fully screened and must fill out an application to rent. "They know we're serious when they fill out the application," Bill says. "We won't rent to just anyone and in all of our years in the business, we've never had a property damaged. I guess that's a testament to our screening process."

If you are interested in renting your cottage through WRD or renting a cottage in our area contact any of the friendly folks at the office at 457-9434. You can also visit their extremely user friendly web site at www.ontariocottagerental.com.



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Minden Man Receives Provincial Award

Morris Duff - A Real Winner

A Minden man's effort to get local residents walking in the right direction towards a healthier lifestyle has earned him a provincial award.

Morris Duff is the first-ever winner in Haliburton County of the *Health Is A Community Affair Award*. The award was presented to Mr. Duff today prior to the start of the Sneaker Day Walk in Minden – an event he was instrumental in launching nine years ago.

"Morris is Mr. Sneaker Day and certainly is very deserving of a *Health Is A Community Affair Award*," says Anne-Marie Cyr, a Public Health Nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Health Unit staff and Sneaker Day Walk organizers jointly nominated Duff for the *Health Is A Community Affair Award*. The nomination was endorsed by the Ontario Public Health Association, which offers the award in partnership with health units across the province. The newly created award recognizes individuals and groups who work with public health agencies to improve the wellness of others in the community.

Duff has indeed contributed to a healthier community by promoting the health benefits of physical activity, says Cyr. Duff has shared his love for walking in many ways. He has been a long-time champion of the early morning walking program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Duff was also the first chairperson of the Sneaker Day Committee initiated in Minden in 1995. In that role, Duff has taken on many duties, including hosting organizing meetings in his home, publicizing the Sneaker Day event through articles contributed to the local papers, inviting schools to participate, and ensuring the walking trail and facilities were available for Sneaker Day.

"We see the fruits of Morris' labour with the hundreds of participants who take to the trail every year for Minden's



Sneaker Day Walk," says Cyr. "It truly is a credit to him."

Minden's Sneaker Day Walk has become the formal kickoff locally to *SummerActive* – a province-wide initiative that runs from May 9 to June 21. *SummerActive* promotes the importance of active living, healthy eating and being smoke-free as keys to improving your health. Anyone who takes part in *SummerActive* programs and events can register their participation online

(www.summeractive.canoe.ca) to win prizes.

To find out more about *SummerActive*, call the local Health Unit office at 705-457-1391.

Morris Duff was recently awarded the Health is a Community Affair Award. He is pictured here taking a stroll with his walking companion Sumach.

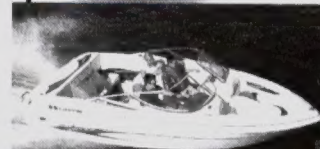
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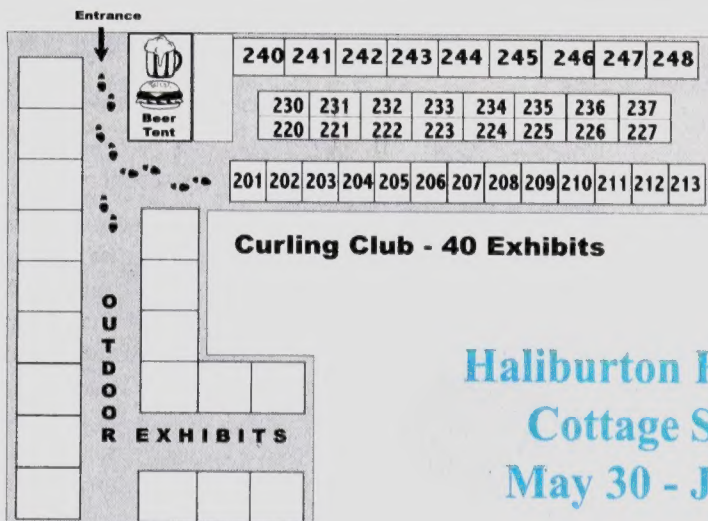
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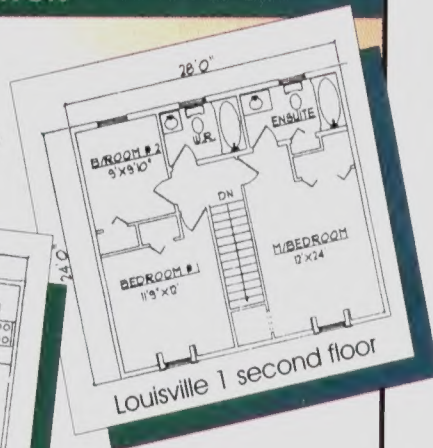
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Filming Haliburton:

George Busy Filming To Make Tourism Video Of Haliburton County

George Farrell says he has the best job in the Haliburton Highlands – and he's probably right. George will be spending the next year filming life in Haliburton Highlands – everything from events, to businesses, and the sites and people of the area. The end result will be a promotional video of this area.

It was after much work and fundraising that the Highlands Video Projects Committee, (HVPC) can now say they are taking the first steps in bringing to the county a true video presence. "We have not had a video – all we've been sending people is brochures," explains George.

"This video will show life in the Haliburton Highlands through all four seasons. It will show all activities, people working, the industries, all forms of life and the environment – all in about 5-8 minutes. It will be a fast paced video," says George.

The HVPC was formed in 2001 and operates under the umbrella of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative



(Co-op). HVPC Committee members are Laurie Carmount, Carol Moffatt, Tilda Truchan, and Sue Shikaze. George Farrell is the technical advisor and the man behind the camera.

The first project of the Co-op and HVPC was to acquire a professional digital video camera. Fundraising over the last 2 years produced the funds to purchase a Sony pd 150 digital video camera. Next in line was to secure enough funding to produce the promotional video. Once funds were secured, the production of the promotional video

commenced on February 3rd of this year. The video is to be completed by the Spring of 2004.

Human Resources Development Canada, The Haliburton County Development Corporation, The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the TD Bank of Canada Trust, provided the funds for the camera and the promotional video.

Heritage Video Also Underway

Funding is now underway for the production of a Heritage documentary video. The video will focus on life in the Highlands as seen through the eyes of identified "storytellers" who have direct links to the past. The video is to be approximately 30 minutes in duration, and will be shown in classrooms to children in the public schools throughout the county. The Heritage video will also be made available to the general population through outlets like the Chamber of Commerce, county museums and libraries.

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George Is Very Familiar Behind A Camera & Production

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towards the funding of the Heritage video.

Further inquiries can be made by calling Carol Moffatt, at 705-286-2675.

The Man Behind the Camera:

You might be seeing a lot of George Farrell at various events, and who knows, you may even become part of the promotion if he happens to catch you on film.

George has worked for many years in the entertainment industry in Ontario. A graduate of Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson University, George started off as a fashion photographer and writer for such magazines as The Toronto Entertainment Guide and Toronto Life Fashion. He was on assignment in London, Paris, Barcelona and New York.

While living in Toronto in the 1970's and 80's, George got into the burgeoning film business as a prop man and set dresser. He worked for many of the top television commercial houses on such accounts as Coca Cola, MacDonald's and General Motors. George also worked on feature films such as The Terry Fox Story, and Circle of Two, and television series, where he worked on The Road to Avonlea.

In 1992, George was a television producer at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). While there, he helped to produce the ground breaking, award winning and nationally aired Disability Network (D/NET), a weekly news magazine and documentary style show which focused on disability issues. While at the CBC, George won many awards for his D/NET shows, among them The Columbus International Film



Festival, and the Canadian Association for Community Living Media Awards and the B'nai B'rith of Canada Media Award.

Since 1991, George has lived in the Haliburton Highlands and has produced a nationally aired documentary about persons with disabilities living in the Highlands and organized a community development project in Peterborough, Ontario around his video "A Different Kind of Spirit".

George, while being kept pretty busy with his video venture in Haliburton County, is still a partner in the Production Company, Fireweed Media Productions Inc. in Toronto.

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Haliburton County Can Benefit From ATV Industry

They are growing in numbers and are here to stay – and now for Haliburton County, they are becoming organized with places to play. What we are talking about are All Terrain Vehicles or ATV's.

Up to now, owners of these fun machines have pretty much been limited to a pocket of crown land, or private property. Now you could have miles of groomed trails to play on by becoming a member of the newly formed Haliburton ATV Association.

The new club held an official kick-off recently to introduce themselves and the intention of the club. It is the hope of the organization that an ATV touring product can help boost the off-season fortunes of some of our hospitality tourism related businesses in the community.

Guest speakers explained the importance of this market and the economical potential it has for this area. They explained that by becoming organized – offering marked trails – having rules & guidelines for operators – essentially operating like the snowmobile association, then ATV-ing can become a positive

activity for not only ATV owners, but for business owners as well. It will also hopefully ease the minds of those who currently hate ATV's – by organizing it, the sport will be conducted in a more safe & responsible fashion. With an association of this nature, there are member by-laws that emphasize respect and responsibility for the environment, and following the organization's code of rider etiquette and safety requirements.

"People have different perspectives of ATV's. That is because it wasn't organized before. We need everyone to prove that there is only 1% who are hair brains. The novelty has worn off and operators are now being more responsible," explained Minden Councillor Ron Buchanan.

"Preventing problems comes from being organized," says Paul Prentice of Prentice Power Sports in Minden. "ATV's fit in perfect for spring and fall. It's a perfect blend with the snowmobile industry." He continued, "We sell five times the number of units over snowmobiles. We have a chance to tap into 5 times the market. We have an opportunity to help our businesses in the community."

Organized trails with an organized club makes sense," explained club interim president Mark Coles. "We don't want people to trespass on private property. The best way to have this happen is to be a club and use designated trails only. It is better to manage trails than let this sport happen unorganized."

Mark Lester, publisher of ATV Magazine explained that this sport is here to stay and that it is a fast growing activity. "We're trying to paint a picture here to show you how big this is," said Mark as he quoted statistics and facts demonstrating the positive impact of ATV's.

"The total Canadian ATV sales will exceed 90,000 units this year. Ontario is almost 24% of this total – second only to Quebec with almost 33%."

Mark explained that worldwide sale of snowmobiles were just over 160,000 units – in Canada those sales amounted to 50,000 units. Ontario's percentage of this number is about 15,000 units. Last year alone, the Ontario Snowmobile Association sold 102,000 trail permits. Can you imagine the number of permits that could be sold to ATV owners? "It can easily exceed snowmobiling in the next few years," says Mark.

"A rapidly growing three season tourism business revolving around the Quebec ATV system has emerged over the past



Thank You!

The Haliburton ATV Association wishes to thank the following sponsors, supporters and volunteers for the successful launch of the ATV Club:

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Bill 11 Allows For ATV's To Travel Legally On Roadways

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five years. ATV tourism growth is running at double digit levels annually and shows no signs of slowing," adds Mark.

He also explained that the average ATV rider is 40 years old. "This is an older adult sport not a bunch of kids tearing around." He added, "the average income of ATV owners is \$60,000 plus.... There's a lot of people we can market to."

Carol Moffat from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce said that they receive many calls from potential tourists asking if there are any ATV opportunities in our area. "Our answer so far was no, no, no." She continued, "as a community that is reliant on tourism, we have to be aware of trends and take advantage of them. We will all benefit. The spin-off will benefit all. We can reap the rewards here."



permit regulation - meaning allowing some ATV's by permission to travel on some roadways or parts of roadways.

Bill 11 also allows the council of a municipality to pass bylaws permitting the operation of off-road vehicles with three or more wheels and low pressure bearing tires on any roadway within the municipality that is under jurisdiction of the municipality or any parts or part of such roadway

A bylaw passed under this may permit the operation of off-road

vehicles only during specified months or hours (eg. Apr - Dec. dawn till dusk).

In a nutshell -- our local council's are being encouraged by the association, many business people and ATV users, to pass the individual bylaws allowing for the controlled operation of ATV's on roadways, thus allowing ATV users to access our trails. Right now ATV's are only allowed to cross a highway at a 90 degree angle to go from trail to trail. People must now trailer their ATV's to the crown land trails

Councillor Ron Buchanan stated, "the laws will have to be passed quickly for us to benefit from this season." He is hoping that everyone sees the benefits of this sport and how passing the bylaws will help the association and our area offer the best in trail systems for ATV users.

There is currently 300 km of trails on Crown Land to access in Haliburton County.

Bylaw Important For ATV-ing

So now that we have an association for ATV operators, an important factor in the whole scope of things is the "quick" passing local bylaw under Bill 11.

Bill 11 is known as the Red Tape Reduction Bill, Off-Road Vehicle Act that was drafted in December of 1999 and went to Royal Assent Jan 2, 02.

It states that off road vehicles may be driven in accordance with regulations of the highway traffic act and municipal bylaw.

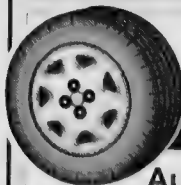
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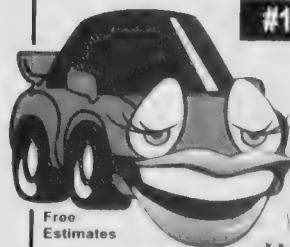
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Thanks Len for filling us in.



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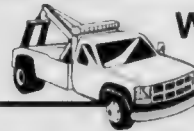
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Shawn moved back to Haliburton 3 years ago from Toronto where he had managed a towing company for 4 years. The company specialized in accidents and recovery, so Shawn had to go through a training process to learn how to handle them. After returning here, Shawn decided to go back into



the business because of an accident his brother was involved in. "He really got shaken up when he had to have his car towed and it made me realize I really missed being in the business," Shawn says, "The last thing people need after being in an accident is to have to worry about the little things. I take care of everything I can for them, from dealing with insurance companies, recommending a repair shop, renting a car or calling someone for them. If I don't have the answers, I'll call somebody that does."

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The county of Multnomah, Ore., has put out a notice that it intends to hire a part-time language interpreter who speaks Klingon, the fictional but grammatically constructed language from "Star Trek". The request came from the county's department of Human Services,

which has 60,000 mental health clients. "I questioned [the request] myself when it first came in," said county purchasing administrator Franna Hathaway, but she was assured the request was real. "There are some cases where we've had mental health patients where this was all they would speak."

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well for the country duo of Barnard & Brohm. In addition to recently releasing their first CD, the pair was just recently nominated for "Independent Country Album of the Year" at this year's Canadian Music Week Awards. This is not surprising since music is in Ian's blood, "I got my first guitar at the age of 5. We are a musical family. I grew up on a farm in Gelert and we played all the time."

Alicia Sales is the daughter of Brad Sales, owner of Cordell Carpet in Haliburton. She is also a singer in the Dixie Chicklets - they too are looking forward to returning from a busy schedule on the road to play for their home-based fans.

We will be featuring both these bands in a more in-depth article in the next issue - how they came to be and where they are going... etc..

For now, make sure you write the date of the upcoming concert at the Minden arena and don't forget to get your tickets soon. They are available at Cordell's in Haliburton, both Jug City's, Ridgewood Ford in Minden, the West Guilford Shopping Centre, the Hair Emporium in Haliburton and the Minden Health Care Aux. Gift Shop. Tickets go on sale as of Monday June 2. They are \$28 in advance and \$30 at the door.



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It's that time of the year again - the time when all the classic, antique and hot rod vehicles come out of hiding. And once again we present our look at some of Haliburton's classy and cool machines!!

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We hope all you car buffs enjoy this column once again!!

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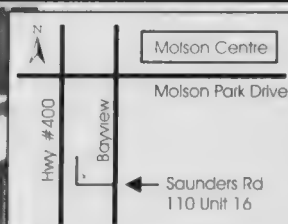
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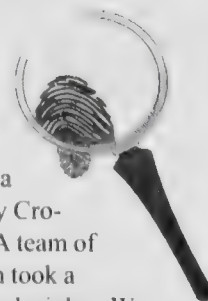
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"There were many guards," The proprietor said with a puzzled look on his face. "Oh, I suppose you mean the guard in that area. Jenkins was in the South Wing."

"Thank you for your time," the detective said.

When Minden got to the South Wing he saw a guard in his uniform. With a yawn, he got up off the trolley on which he was sitting.

"Jenkins, I presume?"

"That's me, Howard Jenkins."

"Tell me what happened three hours ago."

"Well, I went to the washroom and when I came back, there was a guy running toward the doors. I tried to catch him but he had a big head start."

"What did he look like?" Minden asked.

"He had brown or black hair. I couldn't really see him well. The lighting was bad."

"So was your story, Howard. You are under arrest."

How did Minden know that Howard was the culprit?

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It Takes A Village To Raise A Child

By Diana Burns

One of the most important jobs in today's society is being a parent. As we all know, children don't come with an instruction manual. Sure there is a huge selection of books on parenting but they alone do not account for good parenting skills. Much more is required as a parent; patience, understanding, teaching, and even more important, an unconditional love for each and every child. It's a difficult job these days and sometimes parents don't always meet the challenge.

Every child deserves a normalized and healthy life experience in the community. To meet this need, Wendy Harding, with the support of her husband Cliff, has set up a support program.

Helping Hands Specialized Foster Care Limited is an alternative program to more traditional residential care. It is intended to provide a safe place for children who require community-based treatment to meet their needs. Helping Hands works with foster parents to ensure the growth and development of children in foster care.

Cliff and Wendy Harding are well known in this community for their years of caring and dedication for the well being of foster children. They have been providing foster care for troubled children for the past fifteen years.

Their years of experience were acquired first hand when one of their two adopted children presented emotional and developmental problems, and the current system could not provide them with the help they needed. It took years of reading, research, consultation, and education before they developed a better working program.

They have expanded their horizons and will be opening a

private foster care agency. Wendy says, "we believe that specialized foster care is a place for learning, growing and changing, and that every child should have experiences in the community by encouraging and supporting their participation in community activities such as Scouts, Guides, and sport's teams."



Helping Hands provides placement for children who require community-based treatment to meet their needs. Referrals for placement are accepted for both male and females between the ages of four and twelve. To meet these needs, Helping Hands is currently seeking foster care families to provide care by the fall of this year.

They ensure that foster parents who provide foster care receive adequate training and support to deal with the child and his/her needs. Foster families are provided consultation by a support team of workers including a Psychologist, Art/Play Therapy worker and placing Agency Social Worker.

Helping Hands requires specialized foster parents who have the ability to provide programming as well as the family living experience for children. If you would like more information or you have decided you would like to make a BIG difference in a child's life by becoming a specialized foster parent, please contact Helping Hands at 286-6167.

*Pictured above is
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Relax - Put Up Your Feet & Let Diane Take Care Of Them

By Shirley Lucas

During the last four months, Registered Practical Nurse, Diane Johnson of Donald, has been taking her new business venture, Feet Dreams, on the road. Having worked with the VON for 9 years, as well as still nursing part-time at the Haliburton Hospital, Diane saw a need for an in-home foot care service in this area.

Specializing in callous and corn care, in-grown toenails, clients with diabetes, or people with various health problems that might find it difficult to care for their feet, relief is just a phone call away. Diane would really like to stress that, people of all ages are welcome. "I'm here to offer an advanced foot care service in the comfort of your home, as I've found that a lot of people are not comfortable going to a clinical setting."



Diane has always lived in the Highlands, having grown up in Gooderham, so she knows her way around all the roads and will be able to find you wherever you are. "Right now, most of my clients are in the Haliburton

area, but I'm hoping to see more people interested in the Loop as well as the rest of the County," Diane explains.

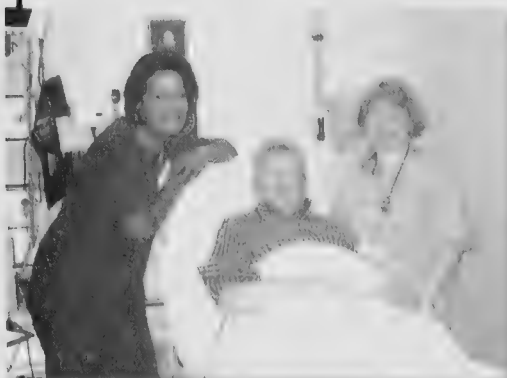
To try out this new service, you can call Diane for an appointment at 457-3539, then sit back, relax and put your feet up - literally! Diane's motto is, "Leave your feet in my hands." Gladly!



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Stay tuned for a monthly update on your health care facilities & services..



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by Lance Edwards

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Have you ever had one of those weeks that you feel like you've been run over numerous times by a train? Do sleepless nights, mental fatigue, stressed to the limit and overall body ache have you wondering how you're going to crawl out of bed in the morning?

Diana Kuna of Gelert and Kendra Thomas of Eagle Lake have a suggestion to offer you. The Touch of Grace Full Service Traveling Day Spa is focused on gentleness, providing a deep sense of relaxation and experiential communion between mind, body and soul. They provide a full range of spa therapies from esthetics to massage.

Diana and Kendra have many years of experience in esthetics and massage therapy and in addition to this, they are both holistic and reiki health practitioners, so they are able to bring a natural balance for overall health and well being to their relaxation therapies.

The idea of opening a spa of their own came to them when the Whispering Pines Day Spa at the Delta Pinestone Resort where they were both employed was sold. As Diana says, "After the spa closed, we were at loose ends, so we decided that since we had our own equipment and products, we should join our forces and talent to begin our own traveling day spa. It started out as a way to supplement our income and then it



just started taking off."

Kendra adds, "We decided to make it a traveling spa because there seems to be a market for it. We're available for wedding parties, cottage retreats as well as resorts on a first come, first serve basis. We try to accommodate everyone." When asked how they decided on the name for the spa, Kendra explains, "I came up with the name Touch of Grace because the first time Diana gave me a massage, it immediately came to my mind that she has the touch of grace in her hands."

While Kendra specializes in esthetics, Diana's specialty is massage and reflexology. "Our aim is to bring relaxation to people and we believe they can really benefit from holistic, body work and esthetics. All of our equipment is portable and we bring absolutely everything, even the music," says Diana, and Kendra quips, "That's what makes us different and unique."

For anyone that has had a 'day at the spa' experience, you'll know how completely refreshing it can be, especially when you're feeling like a train wreck. If you've never had the opportunity before, don't miss out! You can reach Touch of Grace by calling 286-6660 or 754-1534 or visit their website at www3.sympatico.ca/leighnot/TOG/Grace_Home.htm.

Kendra would also like to add, "If someone would prefer to come to us instead of us coming to them, we do take appointments at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon. Just call 489-3311 and we'll set it up for you."

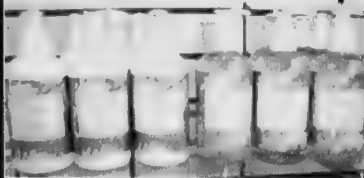
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By Patricia Wright, The Magic Touch

QUESTION: I am very concerned about my fourteen-year-old son. He is experiencing breakouts on his forehead and chin. He showers every day, sometimes twice. He uses a facial scrub everyday. He also uses those acne pads directly on the pimples. The breakouts are getting worse and his skin seems to be irritated.

ANSWER: Attached to the hair follicle is a gland (sebaceous gland) which produces oil (sebum) to lubricate the skin surface. Acne can begin at the onset of puberty, at which time teenagers begin producing large amounts of sex hormones. These hormones stimulate the sebaceous glands resulting in an increase of oil. It is also important to understand that drying out the surface of the skin will stimulate these glands. Showers should be short and not excessively hot. Do not use products that contain rubbing alcohol. Keep the scrubbing to a minimum and most important of all, use a water based gel moisturizer every day. By keeping the skin clean and moisturized, the skin will calm down. You may also want to see your doctor to discuss the use of antibiotics such as tetracycline. The most important advice I can give you is to keep the skin clean and moist.

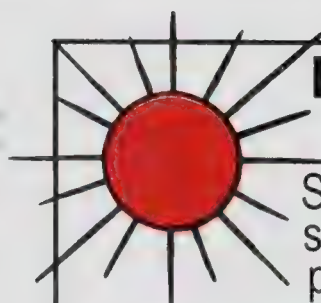
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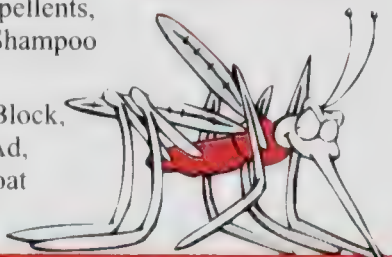


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Walk For Water Taking A New Approach This Year

This year the 20th Annual H.A.V.E. 'Walk for Water' is taking a new and exciting slant. It is now being called 'Choose Your Own Adventure Walk'.

In the past the walk was done on a particular set day with a group of people. This year the walk will be of your own choosing to be done anytime, anywhere and any distance during the month of June. You simply get a pledge form, choose your own adventure walk, and return the pledge form with the collected monies to Cathy Stephens (H.A.V.E. Treasurer) no later than June 30th.

"This unconventional approach will leave more room for flexibility for you the walker, will save a considerable amount of money in supplies for the actual running of the event, and will allow the many volunteers to perhaps also participate in the walk and generate even more funds for wells in third world countries," explains organizers Ron and Toos Reid.

"We realize that this will put a little more of the responsibility on you to actually make it happen, but we are confident that your faithful support in the past is the result of a heart committed to helping to ease the suffering of so many in our world who have no clean water to drink when we ourselves have been so blessed."

To date the H.A.V.E. organization has been able to put in over 400 wells to help the very poorest of the poor have access to clean drinking water.

Originally started in Haliburton, there are several walks now across Canada to help organizers reach this year's goal of \$50,000. This amount will then be matched by CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) to allow them to help even more villages.

Everyone is welcome to get a pledge form and help this worthy cause. If you require further information, you may contact Ron or Toos Reid at 489-2431.

H.A.V.E. pledge forms and funds are at the following locations: In Haliburton: System Software & Support (lower level of Stedman's mall), In Minden: System Software & Support (Coldwell Banker Bldg.)

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Eat Smart! Program Expands to Give Haliburton Residents More Healthy Dining Options

Residents and visitors to Haliburton County have even more reason to *Eat Smart!* when they go out to eat. The *Eat Smart!* Healthy Restaurant Program has expanded in Haliburton County, with four local restaurants earning prestigious *Eat Smart!*



Awards of Excellence for 2003/2004. Each has met the new 100 percent smoke-free requirement that goes with the program.

The four *Eat Smart!* restaurants honoured by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit include: Heatherwood at Delta Pinestone Resort located on Highway 121 in Haliburton, The Kosy Korner on Highland Street in Haliburton, Old Country House, Highland Street, Haliburton and Sir Sam's Ski Area, Sir Sam's Road, Eagle Lake.

Each restaurant met or surpassed the criteria needed to earn an *Eat Smart!* designation. The winning restaurants have to offer healthy food choices on their menus, provide 100 percent smoke-free seating and have a proven track record of safe food handling and sanitation with the local Health Unit.

In Rosie Kadwell's mind, *Eat Smart!* adds up to a fantastic food experience. "Restaurants with an *Eat Smart!* designation have a seal of approval," says Kadwell, a Public Health Dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit. "People who eat there know they can enjoy a safe, nutritious dining experience in an environment free of deadly second-hand smoke."

She is pleased to see the number of *Eat Smart!* restaurants in Haliburton double in its second year of existence locally.

Restaurants may apply to join the *Eat Smart!* program or can be nominated by a customer or Public Health Inspector.

Pictured above is Kozy Korner Restaurant owner Janet Tice. Kozy is one of four "Eat Smart" award winning restaurants



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Great Spot For The Hungry Hockey Fan

By Shirley Lucas

Would everyone now stand for the national anthem. Oh, sorry, for a minute there I thought I was back in the Gardens, but now that I've drifted back, I see that I'm still sitting upstairs at McKeck's Place, (and no, I haven't been drinking). With all the neat hockey mementos and paraphernalia everywhere and your choice of which room your going to hang out in, (the Hanger, the Gardens, the Gamesroom or the newly renovated Pub), needless to say, it's an easy mistake to make.

And then there's Walt. Always smiling and pitching in to help his team wherever he can. For those of you that don't know, owner and General Manager of McKeck's, Walt McKechnie, spent many years on the ice with the NHL. His professional hockey career spanned from 1967-1982 and included two seasons in Toronto. (Go Leafs! ... oops.. I guess I'd better save that for next year).

During his career, (215 goals, 470 assists, ? penalties - they lost count), Walt learned what it takes to work as a team.

Coach (Manager) Karen Frybort explains, "Walt's business philosophy is that we are a team. Whenever we're working on the floor, it's the same as being on the ice. When you come here, you'll notice that you have more than one server as we work as a team and that way we know that you are being well looked after. Even when Walt calls us together for a meeting,

it's like being in the locker room. He relates our experiences in the restaurant to experiences he had when playing hockey. We don't always know the people he's talking about, but we get the point."

Karen was signed on as part of the team 9 years ago and started as a server. Now in her capacity as Coach, Karen says, "Coming here was the best thing I could've done. It's wonderful to work in an environment where there's always a lot of encouragement and acknowledgment for a job well done. It makes you want to stick around. Over the years, we've had a lot of high school students come to work here and even after they



Thank You



We would like to send a huge thank you to all the wonderful people that helped make our Grand Opening such a big success. With all your donations we were able to present Heather McMullen, President of the Haliburton Hospital Auxilliary with cheques for \$800.

We would also like to thank Brett & Joanne for their wonderful article done on Pasta-ta-Pizza in last month's Communicator. Keep up the great work!

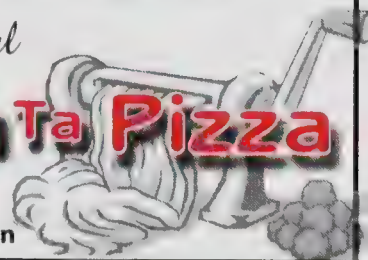
Last but not least, a heartfelt thankyou to my parents, Heather and Wayne McMullen for all their help with our Grand Opening and to our staff for making our day a special one. We are lucky to have such great staff working with us.

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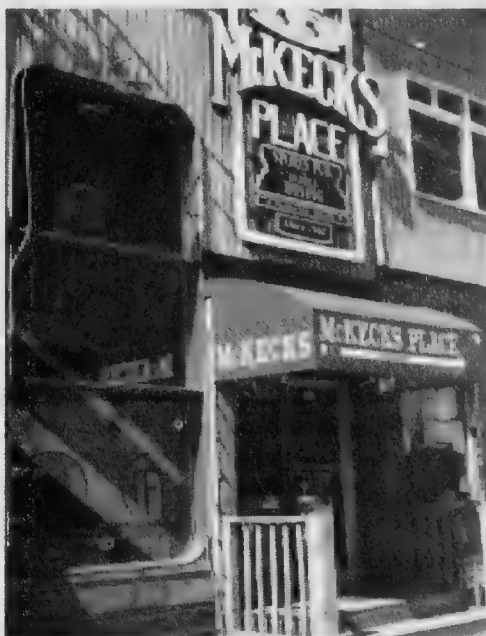
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graduate and go on to college, they tend to come back and join the team again for the summer break."

Karen laughs adding, "When they do actually move on to pursue other things, we call them our Scouts and tell them that since they are leaving, they need to recruit some new talent to be part of our team."

Walt's decision to go into the restaurant business was a sound one. "I always thought that I was a good customer and I started thinking that when I retired, I'd like to open a place of my own and treat people the way I wanted to be treated." McKeck's doors opened in June, 1986, but Walt's first endeavor in the Highlands was in 1970 when he came to work at the Haliburton Hockey School. Through the time he spent here off and on for the next few years, he grew to love the area, and in 1979 he bought his property in Eagle Lake and decided to stay.

Whether you're looking for a great place to enjoy a meal or you just want to kick back and



relax with a drink or a cup of coffee in a friendly atmosphere, Team McKeck is always ready to go into action to make sure you're well looked after and comfortable. Chef Wayne Ellison, (Kitchen Coach), will gladly prepare whatever you choose from their all round great menu.

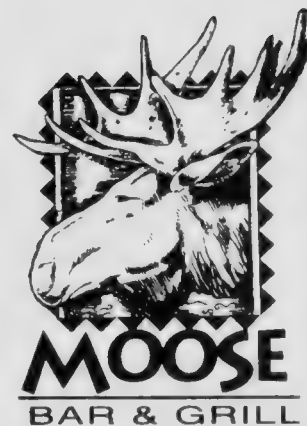
Starting with an excellent variety of appetizers, such as Lord Stanley's Escargot, Potvin's Potato Skins or the Great Gretzky Garlic Bread to a fine selection of salads, (known around here as pre-game warm ups, once you know the lingo), and then on to a wide range of delicious things to choose from. Whether you're in the mood for a MVP Burger, Pizza, Pasta, All Star Wings or pan seared Atlantic Salmon in a lemon cream sauce, there's definitely something for everyone.

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featuring such great dishes as Fit and Fast – cup of soup, side salad and garlic toasties, or a veggie burger or dog, and how about the healthy and delicious chicken caesar wrap, or choose a fajita.

What's Walt's favourite dish? "That's a tough question," he says, "I'm our best customer and I love it all!"

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1 Vidalia onion, sliced
1/2 stick butter, sliced into 4 tablespoons
Dill weed
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
4 sections of aluminum foil (12 to 14 inches each)

Preparation

Pre-heat grill.
Slice potatoes into 6 to 8 pieces each.
Place potato wedges onto open aluminum foil sections; top with onions.
Sprinkle with dill, salt, and pepper to taste.
Top each with a slice of butter.
Fold over top of aluminum foil loosely and crease, then fold up ends of foil.
Place on medium-hot grill.
Cook for 8-10 minutes. Check 1 packet after 8 minutes.
If the potatoes are not slightly browned, cook longer.
Potatoes taste best when slightly browned.

Grilled Corn on the Cob

Try this spin on an old favorite.

Ingredients

4 ears of corn
Butter
Curry powder
Aluminum foil

Preparation

Butter each ear of corn, and sprinkle with curry powder.
Wrap each ear of corn in a sheet of aluminum foil.
Place on grill for approximately 10 minutes, or until cooked.
Note: The corn is even sweeter if you soak it in milk before cooking.

A Tasty Barbecue Marinade for Steak

Try this delicious, non-traditional marinade at your next summer party. It's sure to be a hit!

Ingredients

1/3 cup lite soy sauce
1/3 cup cooking sherry
1/3 cup orange or pineapple juice
2-3 cloves of garlic, pressed
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
4-6 generous drops of liquid smoke
4 8-ounce steaks

Preparation

In large bowl, mix all ingredients (except steaks) well.
Add steaks to bowl; allow to marinate at least 30 to 60 minutes. Cook on grill to taste.

Farmer's Market Returns To Minden & New To Kinmount

It's back for another year – with lots of bargains, fresh produce, home baked products, and everything else a Farmer's Market has to offer.

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. there will be a Farmers Market beside McMahon Feeds in Minden. Also new this year is the addition of the Kinmount Farmer's Market every Friday from 1 – 5 p.m. by the railway station.

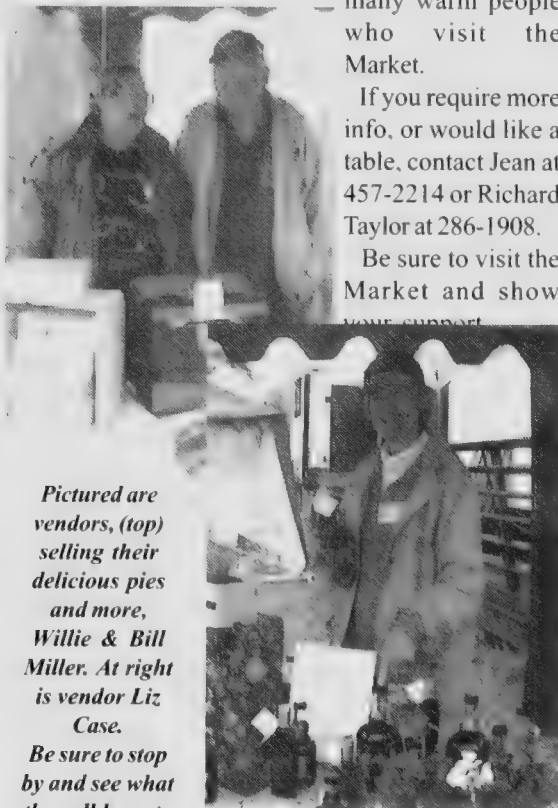
The Farmers Market is a small economic development initiative in Haliburton County to provide an outlet for, and additional income for our local agricultural producers.

Jean Schlicklin-Tyler of Waverley Brook Farm is one of the people who helped start this popular market. Jean, as well as other organizers, is hoping the Market will act as an attraction to bring seasonal residents and local citizens to Minden to shop. The agricultural producers represent a part of the heritage of the area – a heritage that must not be forgotten.

Organizers are always looking for new vendors to join. If you have a product – crafts, furniture, paintings, etc., or produce from you garden to offer for sale, rent a table for a few weeks and meet the many warm people who visit the Market.

If you require more info, or would like a table, contact Jean at 457-2214 or Richard Taylor at 286-1908.

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Pictured are vendors, (top) selling their delicious pies and more, Willie & Bill Miller. At right is vendor Liz Case.

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Cottage Dreams Give Cancer Patients & Their Families A Vacation Away From It All

By Shirley Lucas

We'd like to introduce you to a remarkable organization that is new to the Highlands. Cottage Dreams is the brainchild of Seana O'Neill and is a non-profit organization that provides a week's vacation at a donated cottage for cancer survivors and their families, to enhance their recovery.

Seana, her husband Tavis Valentine and their two young sons, Jaiden and Jackson, moved to Wilberforce a year ago this July, from Toronto. For the past 10 years, Seana had been a Production Coordinator for the American Movie Industry in Toronto. Having been a life-long cottager, spending summers and holidays at her family's cottage on Lake of Bays, Seana and her husband decided to look into the possibility of leaving the city to raise their sons in a more relaxed atmosphere. Searching on the Internet, they came across a home in Wilberforce. Once they were here, they fell in love with the surroundings.

"When I moved up here, I thought, life is good, and the idea of beginning Cottage Dreams just grew from that simple thought. It is a simple concept that we hope will give families time to relax, have some fun and look toward the future together," explained Seana.

Cottage Dreams is a project close to Seana's heart. Her mother Marcy is a cancer survivor of 14 years and today is healthy and playing an active role in the organization with Seana, but unfortunately her two uncles didn't survive the disease.

So far Cottage Dreams has 25 donated cottages (and still counting!), available throughout the Haliburton and Muskoka areas for their pilot project in September and October, and will match five to ten families with the cottage that is right for them. "I started doing some research on Labour Day weekend of last year to see if a project like this might be feasible at all. I decided to go to a local cottage rental agency and once there, I asked their clients what they thought of the concept for this type of project. The response was wonderful and actually a lot of the 25 cottages donated so far have come from that first contact."



Who are the recipients?

Cottage Dreams is a free program available to those who have been out of treatment for 3 to 6 months and are making plans for the future. Each applicant is evaluated on an individual basis.

Who are the donors?

Those who are fortunate enough to have a vacation property and are willing to donate it to Cottage Dreams for one or more weeks a year. This is the opportunity to give the gift of peace of mind to those who have recently won the battle of their lives.

When will the cottages be available?

With each of the four seasons holding it's own beauty and inspiration, they will offer cottages all year round. Their fall, winter and spring cottages will be winterized in order to provide the necessary requirements of comfort (i.e., water and heat), while the summer cottages may be more rustic.

Seana would also like to add, "We started this project basically on our own with no outside funding, but the response we have received so far has truly exceeded our expectations. We're extremely grateful to our donors and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, who have been so great by believing in us, and what we hope to accomplish. The grant we received through them has gone towards the costs of insurance on the properties we will be using, and Cottage Life Magazine recently launched the Cottage Life Master Card, with a portion of the proceeds going to support various charities over the coming years - and we're thrilled to be named as their inaugural charity.

Cottage Dreams gratefully welcomes all inquiries from anyone interested in the program or from anyone that just might like to say hi and find out how things are going. You can reach them at 705-448-9190 or email to cottagedreams@sympatico.ca or visit their website at www.cottagedreams.org.

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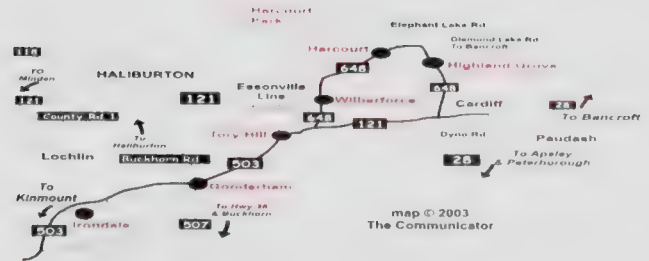
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Excitement Building For Highlands East Arts and Craft Tour 2003

By Shirley Lucas

It's officially a go and the excitement is building for the upcoming Highlands East Arts & Craft Tour, which is shaping up to be a great new event for this area.

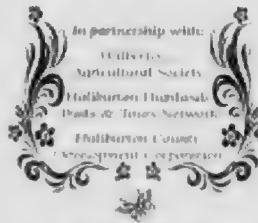
The tour is taking place the weekend of August 9 & 10 and will include the work of 17 local participants. Like most tours, you get a tour map and at your own pace visit the studios, homes and locations of the various artists and artisans.

Since this will be the 1st year for this wonderful event, Administrator Elva Bates wanted to get the word out early and let people know what they're doing, as well as introduce the organizations that have become partners with the Highlands East Arts and Craft Tour Group and its Directors. This was done recently by way of a press conference held in Gooderham. To give you an idea of how well this tour is being received, there was a strong showing at this function of repre-

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sentatives and support of all the parties involved, making it a successful launch for the Tour.

Acting as host for the meeting, Elva explained to everyone how the idea for the Tour came about in the first place. She explained, "I've always known that there were many talented artists in this area whose work was unrepresented because they had no venues. So I had this idea stewing around since last year. After a while I brought it up to a few people at a Gooderham Action Committee meeting, and Joanne Welsh from the Communicator heard about it and thought it sounded interesting and gave me a call. Through the article the Communicator put out in last July's issue, we received quite a few calls, and since there was so much interest, we thought we should get things going."

Soon a group was formed to organize the tour and so began the meetings at the home of Jack and Eva Linkert in Wilberforce. The tour has Jack to thank for half of the many sponsors that have got-

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Rod Hollis, who recently moved to Gooderham from Toronto, is a man who knows his way around a barbecue. After beginning his barbecue business while in Toronto, he soon realized that there were definitely ways to improve the equipment he was using. He got together with a friend, and before long they came up with a prototype of a new and improved barbecue with a party size grill and spit rotisserie.

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Rod Hollis is pictured at left. He can help you this summer with all your outdoor entertaining equipment needs.

Tour Receiving Tremendous Support



Andy Campbell from the Development Corp. presents Sabine Lohrbach with a cheque in support of the tour.

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ten involved with the Arts and Craft Tour, and to Dan Linkert, who designed the creative logo for the group.

During the information session, the Highlands East Arts and Crafts Tour committee was presented with a cheque for \$1,000.00 from Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County Development Corporation in a very generous show of support.

Andy explains, "We saw this as something to get involved with. We strongly believe in promoting the arts in Haliburton County." Lindsay Elder, the Executive Director of the Trails and Tours Network adds, "There are far too few tours in this area. We're thrilled we were invited to be a Partner with this tour."

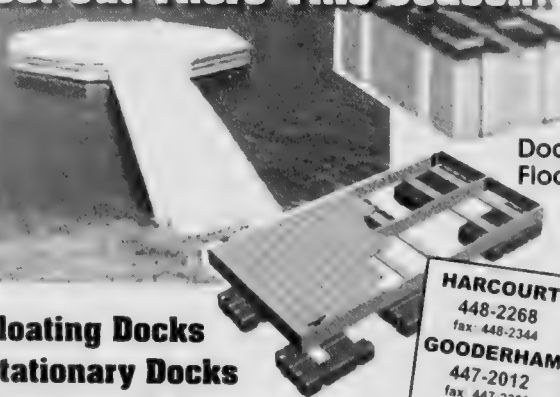
It is hoped that eventually the Tour will be from Irondale to Cardiff village, but for this year it will be going as far as Harcourt.

Elva would also like to mention that the Council of Highlands East has passed a resolution of non-monetary support for the Tour, and also that once the group had adopted the name of "Highlands East", it was unanimously decided that the Tour should become independent from the Gooderham Community Action Group, so the Tour Group no longer reports to the GCAG.

Keep a look out for more information on this exciting event in upcoming issues as it gets closer to the Tour date! We will be highlighting the participants of the show with a map of their location to help you find this talented people.

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Starting the first week in July to mid August, there will be two, three-week sessions held at the Cardiff Pool, located in the Cardiff Townsite. The pool also offers scheduled time periods for "Open Swim", "Aquabics", and "Adult Swim"

For more information regarding the Wilberforce or Gooderham swim programs contact the Municipal Office at 448-2981.

For more information regarding the Cardiff program, contact the Municipal Office in Cardiff at (613) 339-2442.

Loop Minor Softball For Youth Starting in June

Calling all youth in the area! The Loop Minor Softball League will be starting up again on Monday, June 2nd and will run for 10 weeks. The League which consists of Juniors, ages 4-8 yrs., and Seniors, ages 9-12 yrs., play ball every Monday night at the Wilberforce ball diamond, unless circumstances don't allow use of the park. If that happens it will be moved to the Harcourt diamond.

Registration is on June 6th at 6:00 pm. All kids that show up are split into two groups and play each other. All kids get to play every game. Juniors play at 6:00 pm and the Seniors play at 7:00 pm. The cost to register is \$20.00 per child for season. The registration money goes towards getting each player a T-shirt and there is also a barbecue at the end of the season.

All kids need to bring are there gloves as all bats, bases and helmets are provided. "Last year we had about 14 juniors and 22 seniors," says organizer Cheryl Riley. "It's great for the kids. Cindy Baumhour ran it for years and we wanted to keep it going. Cindy put a lot of work into it."

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"What's really refreshing is to see the kids helping out," says organizer Valerie Smith. "They seemed so enthusiastic about it last year and it helps them become environmentally educated. Since they're involved in cleaning up, hopefully they'll take pride in their own community. I was really impressed last year."

Val says "Perhaps one of the most interesting things about the clean up is the interesting things you actually find while searching for the garbage."

To help out, call Valerie at 448-3640.

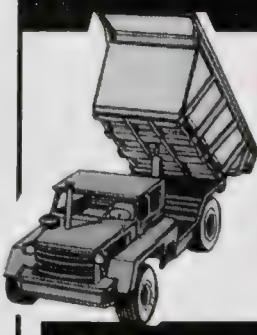
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McKeeks (story on pg. 26 & 27)

- 1: What years did Walk play professional hockey?
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The second draw (\$2.00 per ticket) gets you a chance to win a beautiful afghan.

Both draws will be held on July 20th at the Monmouth arena.

The skating club relies on fundraisers to help improvement of the club and you can help out by purchasing a ticket. To purchase one or more, call Linda Toews at 448-2093 or Angie Scott at 448-9216.

Sign Up Now For 5th Annual Wilberforce Legion Golf Tournament

This very popular golf tournament is to take place this year at Cedar Meadows Golf Course on the Elephant Lake Road. It is a mixed tournament... "best ball"... with prizes galore! Everyone is welcome.

Application forms are now available at the Legion or may be sent to you by calling Betty Irvine at 705-448-3302. Registration is limited to 68 players. Register early so you won't be disappointed. For the past four years it has been filled early and late registrants have been turned away. You can sign up an entire team of four players or you can sign up individually and you will be placed on a team..

The event takes place on Saturday, July 26. Tee-Off times will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will end with a delicious roast beef dinner served up by the Wilberforce Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

The cost for nine holes of golf, dinner and prizes is \$35 per person and must be paid at the time of registration.

We look forward to seeing you on July 26th!

Don't Miss Legion's 30th Anniversary

Don't forget to drop by the Wilberforce Legion on June 8th between 12:00 and 6:00 pm to help them celebrate their 30th anniversary. Everyone is welcome!! So stop in and join them for a light lunch and be sure to check out the interesting display of memorabilia that they have put together.

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Minden Teen Seeking His Musical Dreams Heads To Canadian Idol Auditions



The excitement may be over right now for Clay and Rueben, but for a lot of Canadian hopefuls, it's just beginning! Just ask our very own Highlands hopeful, Andrew Cherry! The 16 year old, HHSS student is trying to stay cool as the time gets closer for his first shot at stardom.

For anyone who hasn't been following the recent buzz of American Idol, it's a popular show that has youths between the ages of 16 - 25 competing on live television for the title of Idol, complete with recording contract and a lot of industry perks.

Recently American Idol ended its second season and was among one of the top viewed shows. During the airing of American Idol, commercials announcing the introduction of our very own upcoming Canadian Idol got many youth's dreaming about becoming the next Clay Aiken, Ruben Studdard, or Kimberly Locke - the final three contestants of this year's American Idol.

Auditions for Canadian Idol contestants have been taking place across Canada. The Toronto auditions started Monday, May 26th at the Toronto Convention Centre.



Andrew has made that journey. At press time, results of his audition were unknown. But with many who have gone before him, they are quoted as saying the experience of the entire ordeal was worth the waiting, even if they weren't picked among the thousands to go on.

If chosen, Andrew, along with many other lucky contestants, will perform over a period of time in front of a panel of judges, - then a few start dwindling down as the final selections are made through the process of elimination. Whoever makes it through the whirlwind of days, weeks and months of constant pressure, extremely tough competition, and sometimes brutal criticism, will be the one chosen to be the "Idol".

Andrew says he's up to the challenge. "My sole aim in life is to be a performer. I've never even thought of an alternative plan because when you do that, you're never going to get what you really want."

That's the kind of determination it's going to take for Andrew to get through the next few weeks. Andrew moved to this area from London, Ontario in October to live with his aunt and uncle, Laura Fitzell and David Small of Minden. From a very young age, Andrew never had a problem with performing in front of an audience, which he thanks his father for. "My Dad was a professional tap dancer when he was my age, so I believe I found my love of the stage and performing from him."

For Andrew's family and friends, his decision to audition for Canadian Idol came as no surprise. "I guess the whole idea started when my aunt's friend, Thia Maria, (Thia is Greek for aunt), gave me the American Idol Greatest Moments CD for Christmas and told me then that I was their Canadian Idol," Andrew explains, "Later, when I heard there was going to be a Canadian Idol show, I thought that was pretty neat and the idea of trying out for it started."

Aunt Laura says Andrew is a very good singer. "He's a classical and opera singer. He's incredible. He has a real natural talent." She continues, "He has a beautiful baritone voice. He spends hours singing classical and opera songs - he has a natural gift."

While Andrew favours classical and opera, he will be giving pop a go for the competition, which he is hoping will earn him some recognition if not the win.

Who was Andrew voting for on American Idol 2 - Clay Aiken. Andrew watched American Idol from beginning to end and says he would feel right at home being in the competition. But if things don't work out at Canadian Idol, Andrew will still work towards a musical career. "What I'd love to be is an Italian Opera singer. My favourite opera singer is Andrea Bocelli. I just love opera."

Canadian Idol will be airing on June 11 at 8 p.m. on CTV.

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Minden Youth Heading To Land of Mountains, Volcanos, Rain Forests & Beaches

Sixteen year old, Emily Bjelis of Minden, a grade 11 student at HHSS, is really looking forward to the summer. By some time in July, she will be heading off on a year-long journey to the North Island in New Zealand, acting as an ambassador for the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Ontario and Canada.

"It has always been my dream to travel," says Emily. Her dream is quickly becoming reality thanks to the Haliburton Rotary Club's student exchange program.

"I went through an application process to become an exchange student," explains Emily, "We were allowed to pick from 3 locations that we'd like to go, in the order of our preference. Australia was actually my number one choice as I've always wanted to go there, then New Zealand and Italy. After I was accepted into the program, I found out that Australia wasn't accepting any exchange students from Canada, so New Zealand was my next choice."

Emily will be living with 3 or 4 families throughout her year there and will be experiencing many different things for the first time. As Emily tells it, "I know this is going to be a life changing experience and awesome adventure for me. The more I find out about New Zealand, the more excited I get. The environment is so diverse with mountains, volcano's, rain forests and beaches, not to mention I'm a huge Lord of the Rings fan, so I can't wait to see the set where it was filmed. I'm also really looking forward to learning about the culture as well as their educational programs because I hope to be a teacher or to work with children in some capacity."

When asked if she and her family were getting a little jittery as July gets closer, Emily goes on to say, "It's been a bit of an emotional roller coaster. I'm really excited and happy but nervous too, because I'm a family girl, so I know I'll probably be homesick but my family has been very supportive and encouraging and that helps. For the most part though, I can't wait to show off who I am as a Canadian and I hope to bring a

little bit of Haliburton to New Zealand."

As a fundraiser for Emily's student exchange to New Zealand, there will be a "Wear Your Best Dress Fashion Show", on Friday, June 13th, at J. Douglas Elementary School in Haliburton, beginning at 7:30 pm. This is for girls and ladies of all ages and is a great outing for friends, sisters, mothers and daughters. There will be prizes to be won or you could be the one crowned as "Miss New Zealand". To be in the show or to part of the audience, please give Rebeka a

call at 455-9143. Tickets to get in will be available at the door as well. This promises to be a night of fashion, fun, food and friendship!

Sounds like Emily has things under control! We hope you have a great time on your adventure. Oh, by the way Emily, I'm a fan of Lord of the Rings too, so if you happen to run into Frodo, say hi for me.



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This Urban Legend is based on a radio conversation allegedly between a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier (U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln) and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995. (The radio conversation was released by the Chief of Naval Operations on 10/10/95 authorized by the Freedom of Information Act.)

Canadians: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid collision.

Americans: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No, I say again, you divert YOUR course.

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Highlands Little Theatre Presenting Anniversary Production

If you're looking for some great entertainment why not grab a ticket and sit back and enjoy the Highlands Little Theatre's 25th Anniversary Production of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit."

The production takes place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on May 29th, 30th and 31st. Curtain goes up at 8 p.m. sharp. Tickets are available now from the Storeroom in Minden, and Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton. For a mere \$12 per ticket, you won't want to miss this special presentation which marks the Highland's Little Theatre's 25th Anniversary. In honour, the production is actually a repeat of their first ever production back in 1979.

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The historical region Transylvania occupies the central, northern and western part of Romania, bordering on Ukraine on the North, Hungary on the Northwest and Yugoslavia on the Southwest.

Romania has majestic castles, medieval towns, great hiking and wildlife, and the cheap skiing of much of the 'undiscovered' former Eastern Bloc. And the Romanians, despite being among Europe's poorest people, generally haven't cottoned on to the scams and ploys so common elsewhere to separate travellers from their money. You'll be floored at how

different Romania is, but you'll almost certainly see signs that it's chasing the dreams of the rest of the West.

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To get to the Castle of Arges, the home of Count Vlad Tepes Dracul, rent a car in Bucharest, drive northwest about 120 miles to Curtea de Arges and continue to Arefu Valley which runs along the Arges River;. The Castle of Arges is clearly visible at the horizon on the left cliff side. Caution: If you ask Romanians where to find Dracula's Castle, you may be sent to the Castle Bran, known as the fake to Dracula historians because the real count never lived there; or to the hilltop Hotel Castle Dracula, a modern contrivance built in the Transylvanian Alps on a site as described in Bram Stoker's novel.



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There's Lots to See, Do and Learn At "The Farm"

By Shirley Lucas

Lorrie McCauley, owner and operator of 'The Farm' horse camp, has seen some pretty peculiar things around her place. From the mother elk with baby in tow that decided to become one of the herd of 14 horses to all the interesting stuff that keeps unearthing itself from the ground, (as in antique farm implements), life's never boring.

'The Farm', which is situated on 125 acres, is located on County Rd. 6, just on the outskirts of Eagle Lake. Lorrie, along with her full-time assistant, Jenny Chatterton and Annie Orr, who helps out part-time, work hard to make the Farm a safe and friendly environment for the beginner rider.

The facilities & services include a large outdoor riding ring, qualified, professional English and Western riding lessons, as well as quality boarding. 'The Farm' also offers summer camp sessions that run Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, starting on June 30th and ending Aug. 29th. The sessions cater

to children ages 8 to 14 yrs., and is structured to accommodate beginner riders with the emphasis on Western and/or English equitation, depending on the preference of the camper.

Lorrie moved to the Highlands from Toronto 14 years ago with her 3 children and a few horses. Four years ago, she decided to go into business for herself. Lorrie explains, "I was a secretary in Toronto for a long time as well as a bartender and an on-going student, taking various courses, but I always came back to wanting to work with horses. It's been wonderful to finally have that opportunity."

Jenny Chatterton has been riding with Lorrie for 7 years and through the Co-op program at HHSS, she had the chance to start working at 'The Farm'. This year, Jenny began an apprenticeship program there in High End Horse Grooming. Like Lorrie, Jenny's dream is to be able to work with horses. "My goal is to be a level 1 certified coach, the same as Lorrie," Jenny says, "and I'm also interested in learning reining, which is now an Olympic sport."

Everyone at the Farm, which is an accredited member of the Association of Riding Establishments of Ontario, is committed to making your riding experience a safe and enjoyable one. For more information, call 705-754-4224 or email: lorrie.mccauley@sympatico.ca.



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Now... About That Elk....

Owner of the "Farm", Lorrie McCauley wasn't expecting the new additions to her herd of horses when she looked out her window two years ago. A mother elk and her baby decided the "Farm" was a good place to take a break in their wanderings and liked it so much, they thought they'd stay. They became a part of the scenery for everyone passing by.

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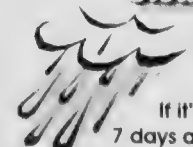
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Hanging With The Bro's Elk Thinks He's A Horse

... from pg. 40

Sadly to say, the mama elk passed away last year. The good news is that the baby elk, (or Ernie as he is now fondly called), has grown into a healthy young buck. Having an adopted, few hundred pound elk around that's going through the terrible two's can be a bit of a challenge as Lorrie has found out. Mending the fences that he seems to enjoy using to amuse himself, has become an almost daily routine. But he has more than made up for it in other ways. "Since Ernie has decided to make this his home, we've had the opportunity to see things that most people would never get to," explains Lorrie, "He seems to think he's a horse!"

While his mother was alive, the two always stayed on the outskirts of the herd of horses as they moved from field to field. The horses gradually became quite used to having them around but still maintained their distance. After losing his mother, Ernie began attempting to try getting closer to the herd. Lorrie laughs as she remembers some of the antics, "It was really amazing to watch what he went through trying to become part of the herd. Everything happened over a period of time and we were lucky enough to have front row seats."

Every day, Ernie would take a few steps closer to the horses. They'd only let him get so far then they'd force him back to his place on the fringes. But Ernie was determined and wouldn't give up. "I remember watching them one day and I knew something different was going to happen and when it did, I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Lorrie says, "Horses have a definite pecking order that they go by. There's the lead horse, then the one that's under him and on down the line to the least important of the herd."

The day had come that Ernie had decided to make a stand. Inching his way closer to the bottom of the line, he tried to act nonchalant about what he was up to. When he got up to the first horse and it tried to run him off, he just ignored it moving on up the line, brushing off all attempts of the other horses to get rid of him till he got near the lead horse. "It was so weird to watch," Lorrie says, "It was a real stand off. Ernie just stood there holding his ground, when all of a sudden the lead horse turned his back, put down his head and started grazing. That was the sign to the rest of the horses that Ernie was now welcome as part of the herd."



Since then, it's a common sight at the Farm to see the 14 horses and an elk hanging out together. The day I showed up to meet with Lorrie I just missed the opportunity of meeting him. Lorrie was out mending another fence as usual and Ernie was annoying her. "I yelled at him, which I don't usually do," laughs Lorrie, "and I think I really hurt his feelings. He just slowly walked away like a sulking kid."

Next time your traveling along County Rd. 6, by the Farm, keep your eye on the fields. You never know what you might see.

Pictured above ... Ernie the Elk hangs with Lorrie's herd of horses - he's become one of the herd.

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Nadine Foreman, the Golf Pro at the Blairhampton Golf Course has quite a few things that she can show you to make you feel more confident on the fairways. (You might not be Tiger Woods, but you can still put on a good show!)

Nadine and her husband Cam, moved to Lake Kushog from Toronto last spring and after the initial adjustment period, they were very happy with their decision. "Everyone is so friendly and willing to make you feel welcome," Nadine exclaims.

While explaining her extensive background in the golf profession, Nadine let slip an interesting fact. Did you know that only 4 % of Canadian Professional Golfers are women? (Come on ladies! We can do better than that!)

After accepting a degree in business and recreation from the University of Waterloo, Nadine went through all the levels she needed to become a CPGA Professional, which she acquired at a young age. "I went into this field because I love to teach," Nadine explains, "It's my passion."

Eventually, she's hoping to be able to offer summer clinics for all ages and abilities, as well as a Women's clinic - so next time you're standing in front of the mirror admiring your physique, stop! Quit wasting time that you should be spending on the course!

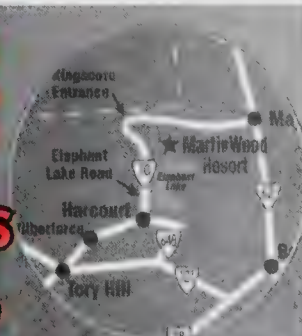
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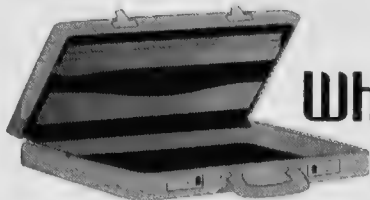
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The Gravity CoffeeHouse

Mr. T. Loves Jerry's Bananna Muffins

By Shirley Lucas

If you happen to be strolling along Minden's downtown section and you find yourself at the corner of Newcastle St. and Main, look up! I mean way up! Perched on the side of the hill is a treasure, (If you love coffee like I do), called the Gravity CoffeeHouse.

As soon as you walk through the door, (Don't worry, the dizziness will pass!), the aroma and atmosphere make the climb up the stairs truly worthwhile.

Owners, Jerry Wills and his daughter, Lila Sweet, opened shop on April Fools Day, and have been going strong ever since. From the first minute you meet these two, you can tell that they have some good stories they could share with you. Like their adventures in Jamaica and then on to the Dominican Republic, where Jerry has a restaurant, or back to Wards Island in Toronto where they still keep a home as well as the famous Wards Island Snack Bar.

As Jerry says, "I have a habit of opening a restaurant wherever we land. I learned to cook from my Grandmother and I've always loved it and traveling. My first venture in cooking was in the 70's. I went to Amsterdam with two buddies where we bought a Volkswagen van and began a tour from there to Turkey, finally ending up in New Delhi, all the while selling brown rice with curried vegetables out of the van. You could keep the hippies alive for years with that stuff. We called ourselves the Rolling Stove."

Jerry spent 25 years in Toronto, doing catering for film companies. "I even made muffins for Mr. T," says Jerry, "He had a real thing for my banana muffins and it got to a point that it was in his contract that he had to have six a day, so I started monogramming them with the letter T. He thought that was

great."

So what brought Jerry, Lila and Lila's daughter, Daya Rose to the Highlands? "A lot of friends of ours started finding their way up here to cottage," explains Lila, "So while visiting, we really liked the friendly, laid back atmosphere and knew it was our kind of place!"

If you're looking for a great place to relax and enjoy a light meal, the Gravity CoffeeHouse is a good place to start. From homemade soup, delicious sandwiches to a variety of coffee and tea, Italian Soda's and creamy smoothies, (a wonderful yogurt and fruit based concoction), there's something to suit everyone's tastes.

Jerry and Lila stand by their motto of, "Buy the best, don't screw it up and never scrimp!" And be sure to try the carrot cake, (Jerry's Mom's secret recipe). You won't regret it!

Pictured is owner Jerry Wills with his daughter Lila Sweet and Granddaughter, Daya Rose.



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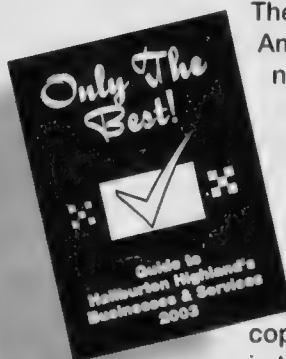
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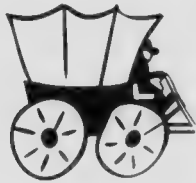
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The Welcome Wagon

This column is dedicated to welcoming new business owners of existing area businesses.

New Owners For Minden Motel



By Shirley Lucas

Making Minden their home has been an enjoyable venture so far for

Swinder and Ruby Jawanda - They are the new owners of the Minden Motel, on Hwy. 35, across from Subway.

The couple decided the time was right for them to come back to Ontario from Nova Scotia, where they have lived for the past 11 years. While there, Swinder owned and operated two Dollar Stores. He also worked in the hotel industry which he really enjoyed.

"When we decided to make the move back to Ontario," explains Swinder, "we discussed the possibilities of buying a motel. Since Ruby's family are all in Toronto, we thought we'd try it there for awhile, but we found it to be too 'big city' for us."

The search then began for an area similar in atmosphere to Nova Scotia, and they found it in Minden. "My wife and I totally love it here - everyone is very friendly. They have made us feel welcome," exclaims Swinder.

The couple purchased the hotel in good repair, so they haven't had to make too many changes. They have done some renovations, and are also planning to expand the motel by another 10 units within the next 2 years.

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The damages that are sued for are usually of three kinds. There are pain and suffering damages which involve assessing the physical and mental injuries suffered and how they affect a person's life. There may also be loss of income damages because the person cannot work for a period of time as a result of the injuries. Special damages are those out-of-pocket expenses that a person has incurred, such as the cost of physiotherapy or medication.

To prove personal injury damages, the injured person must produce all relevant documentation. This will involve obtaining medical records of attendances at a hospital emergency room and visits to the family doctor. The person may also be required to produce past income tax returns to prove previous levels of income. Receipts to prove special damages as a result of the injuries will also be required.

There may be good defences to a personal injury lawsuit either to prove that the defendant was not in any way at fault ("liability") or to weaken the liability issue and reduce the amount of the damages. On liability, the defendant may argue that the injured person contributed to the event which caused the injury, for example, by the type of shoes worn in the store or by provoking the assault by drunken behaviour. On damages, the defendant may canvas issues with the injured person that may be sensitive, such as a history of mental health problems or a failure to declare income in a tax return. Such defence tactics often promote early settlement for less than the financial compensation claimed.

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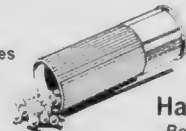
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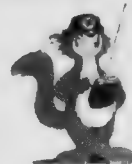
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time in this day and age of high speed internet. With the proper structured wiring system in place, you can hook multiple computers to one internet connection, send files between all computers in the house, share devices such as computer printers and fax machines. You can also play a DVD in one room, and watch it on any other TV in your house, or have a camera placed near the pool or baby's room and watch the pictures on any TV in the home. Are you starting to feel more secure and connected yet?

Maurice McKee started his company in 1994, after taking an early retirement from Bell Canada where he was employed for 29 years. Having lived in Haliburton for 25 years, he saw that there was a need for this kind of service in the area. Up until last year, Maurice ran the business by himself, but as he got busier, things started to get a little hectic. (Not that he's complaining!) Now with his son Dennis and daughter-in-law Brenda joining the company, Maurice can take a little time to relax.

Dennis, Brenda and their 3 children are very happy that they made the decision to move to the Highlands and join forces with Maurice. Although leaving Peterborough where they were both employed with Bell Canada made them a little nervous at first, they have no regrets now. As Dennis says, "The decision to move wasn't too hard for me, as I'd lived here before, so when the opportunity came along, it seemed like the thing to do." Brenda adds, "I used to swear I'd never move here, now I swear I'll never leave!"

Between Maurice, Dennis and Brenda, McKee Security and Telephone Systems offers 35 combined years of telephone, satellite and structured cabling experience - able to handle any needs you may have. As well as all their other services, the McKee's have recently become a dealership for the Mosquito Magnet, "the Fatal Attraction for Mosquitoes".

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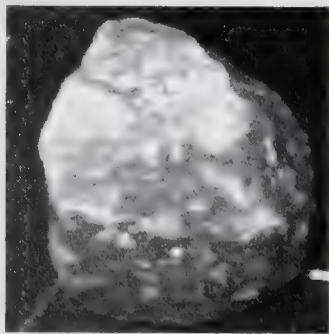
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"The Internet's so much a part of everyday life now that surfing on the loo was the next natural step," said marketing manager Tracy Blacher. "It's exciting to think that the smallest room can now be the gateway to the massive virtual world."



Computer Quickie Fact:

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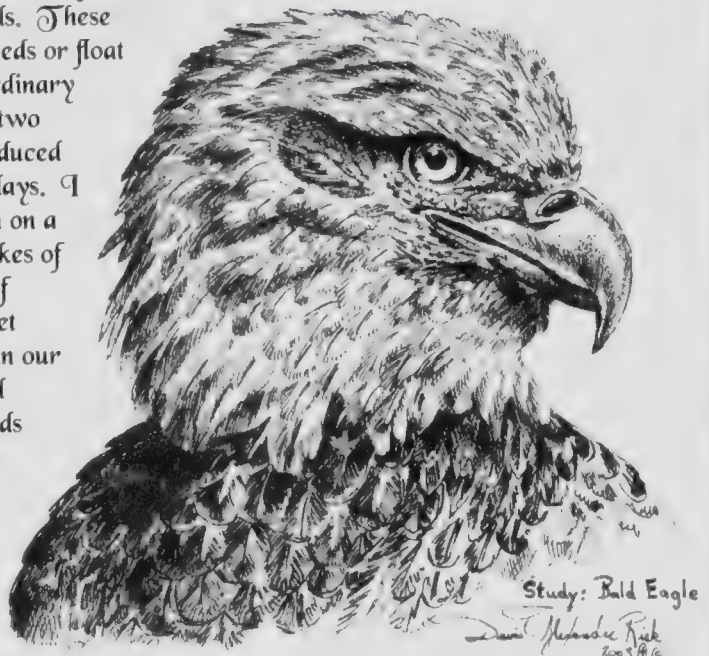
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I've often seen both Bald and Golden eagles soaring overhead, in the Haliburton Highlands. These master aerialists will dive at breath taking speeds or float and slowly spiral into the blue. With extraordinary visual powers, they can spot small prey up to two miles away. An average of two eggs are produced every spring, with an incubation of about 35 days. I will always cherish the memory of sitting high on a rugged rock face, sketching one of the clear lakes of the Haliburton Forest, when suddenly, one of these magnificent birds soared past me only feet away. With wilderness highlights like these in our backyard, we need to passionately protect and cherish as stewards, our Haliburton Highlands and wilderness sanctuaries as the Haliburton Forest.

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Study: Bald Eagle

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Now That's A Deep Topic

The world's deepest lake is Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia. Its deepest point is 5,371 feet and is Earth's oldest fresh water lake. Lake Baikal contains one fifth of the world's fresh surface water.

Cough!!

In 1999 an estimated 4.6 trillion cigarettes were smoked. If you laid them end to end, they would reach to the sun and back. Korea has the highest per capita consumption, followed by Japan and Hungary.

No Time For Road Rage...

India's roads are rated as the most dangerous in the world. One in 43 deaths per year are due to traffic accidents in the country.

Still Breaking Records...

The Beatles 1 compilation of No. 1 singles sold 3.6 million copies on it's 1st day of release and 13.5 million copies in it's 1st month in stores during November, 2000 making it the fastest selling album of all time.

There ya go kids... get working...

Britney Spears earned 38.5 million dollars in 2000.

Just Ask The Crocodile Hunter ...

The most venomous land snake in the world is the Taipan from Queensland, Australia. It can inject 60 mg of venom in a single strike - enough to wipe out several humans.

**I Don't Know What's Worse... the
Virus or the Cold**

No viruses can survive in the cold temperatures of Antarctica, therefore no one gets the common cold or flu there.



New Business: Loon Lake Weavers

A Pleasure To The Senses

Beautiful tapestry throws depicting nature at it's best, 80 different styles of placemats, candles, picture frames and some really neat gift ideas are just a few of the things you'll find when you visit Loon Lake Weavers. Located at the lights, across from the Bank of Commerce in Haliburton, this unique new store is a pleasure to the senses with its wide range of aromatic candles, various blends of incense and colourful displays.

Owners, Ron and Shelley Diggins of Bobcaygeon, have spent many years in the retailing industry. Before moving to Bobcaygeon, where they still operate a store, they had a chain of similar retail outlets in Toronto.

Their decision to open a store in Haliburton was based upon a recurring theme they kept hearing. Ron explains, "We became aware that there was a need for an outlet like ours in the Highlands through people from Haliburton stopping in to our store in Bobcaygeon. They seemed to enjoy the type of items that we carry and found our prices reasonable. We started keeping an eye out for a good location and after waiting for 2 years, we finally found one."

Loon Lake Weavers is not just about cottons, although their wonderful variety of throws are a big seller. Their long weekend opening went very well, but they are still in the process of stocking the store. As Ron says, "Some of the more odd and unusual things are still to come. We like to have a whole variety of things that are appealing and affordable for everybody."

Given the proximity of the store to Loon Lake, most people would assume that was the reason for their name, but that's not so, according to Ron. "The name just happens to be one of those coincidences that happen. The name was actually dreamt up almost 15 years ago while we were still living in Toronto. My family had a cottage on Chandos Lake, near Apsley and

originally Chandos was called Loon Lake."

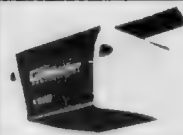
The store offers a wide range of throws with matching coordinates in a variety of patterns and prices. The throws start in price from \$9.99 up to \$59.99 and as Ron says, "You can change the whole look of a room for less than \$50.00." By mixing and matching your choices, and strategically placing a few place mats, maybe a table runner, a couple of cushion covers and a floor mat, it's quite possible to do.

The wonderful tapestry throws that are available are actually their own brand name product. Ron's family designs them and has them made in the Carolinas. These are really worth stopping in to check out and priced to sell for only \$59.99, are a true bargain.

Ron and Shelley plan to be open all year round and 7 days a week till Christmas. So before making your way around that corner, be sure to drop in. I don't think you'll be disappointed.



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Local Artists and Crafters Showcased At Crafters Warehouse

By Diana Burns

Great selection and pricing awaits you as you browse through the aisles of hand made merchandise at the Crafters' Warehouse in Haliburton. This store is packed with original one-of-a-kind articles to please everyone's tastes. The store features the work of approximately thirty-five to forty vendors. You can shop for items from the large variety of product including handmade vests, dried flower arrangements, hundreds of different wood products including small cabinets and hand painted pieces, ceramics, dolls, knitted items, mirrors, children's toys and so, so much more. The store also offers delivery on large items.

Rubin Fergenbaum's merchandising background experience with Simpsons, Penningtons and Jean Junction was put to the test when he started the business in 2000 with only five crafters and just half the space his store now occupies. He is also the owner of

Haliburton Cottage Rental located just across the hall from the Crafters' Warehouse on the lower level of the Stedman's Mall. Rubin chose to start up the warehouse when he decided he would like to see the empty space across the hall filled.



Vendors rent their display space (based on a six month minimum rental) and pay a monthly rental fee of thirty dollars a month for a four-foot space or sixty dollars a month for an eight-foot space. They also offer as little as a two-foot space at fifteen dollars for those who are new to the business and want to give it a try. Rubin does point out however that they are flexible when it comes to meeting the needs of the vendors both on price and display settings. The only additional fee is a

twenty percent commission charged on sales.

All merchandise is hand crafted by local permanent and seasonal residents. Rubin remarks "If you want a diverse selection of good quality handcrafted merchandise at affordable prices and want your shopping to be an interesting experience, then come and shop at the Crafters' Warehouse".

If items currently in stock do not suit the customer's needs, some of his vendors will do commissioned orders. His store is always looking for new vendors, especially those that produce original works that might not yet be represented in the store. Rubin will preview the work of all vendors interested in acquiring space.

You can reach the Crafters' Warehouse on the lower level of the Stedman's Mall from the street level or rear lower level of the mall. The hours of operation for the store are Tuesday to Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like more information about becoming a vendor or applying for their current part-time position they have available, please contact Rubin at 457-3714.



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The Arts Committee of the Haliburton County Development Corporation invites anyone and everyone who is involved in the arts in Haliburton County to an "Art Party" at Bonnie View Inn on Thursday, June 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

It's a potluck dinner with socializing and entertainment to give creative people in Haliburton County a chance to meet one another and to welcome new creative people to the community.

If you're involved in the arts – in theatre, visual arts, crafts, media arts, design arts, photography, dance, music, writing and literature, folk arts or any other art form as a creator, educator, producer, patron, administrator, presenter or enthusiast – this party is for you.

Door prizes include a week course at the Haliburton School of The Arts and a pair of theatre tickets for the Highlands Summer Festival.

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The Coffee House was started by Lew and Cathy Constantino of Tory Hill in December 2002 in their home and have been well enjoyed by those who attended. The group decided to move the Coffee House to the Lloyd Watson Centre because it was a more central location.

"It's free to come in and we're hoping to get more people in on Saturday nights," says Tom Mason of The Gentlemen of Song fame. "It's something to do. It's a good evening out for anyone young or old."

Although the evening and music has a Christian flavor, the evening is not a religious one. "There's no preaching or bible study. It's just good music and fellowship," says Tom.

Cathy says they plan on holding the get-togethers once a month, usually near the middle of the month.

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Attracting around 1,000 spectators annually and bringing in roughly 60 – 70 participants, the annual TimberSport Championships will be taking place again on June 14th at the Minden Fair Grounds.

Now in its 11th year, this free admission event promises to provide great family entertainment. Minden's is one of a series of timber sport competitions held throughout Canada and the U.S. As a result, it brings many competitors from coast to coast and south of the border. Described as a "fast paced event", TimberSport offers 15 different events for competitors to choose from and cash prizes are paid out to the top five in each event. Of the 60 – 70 expected competitors, approx one third consist of women. Some of the competitions these lumber Jacks and Jills take part in include axe throwing, pole climbing, springboard chop and a crowd pleaser – hot saws. 'Hot saws' is an unlimited size chain saw event featuring custom made saws. Organizers say they see some pretty interesting inventions with some using motors from snowmobiles or just about anything to create the ultimate cutting machine. It's a crowd pleaser for sure.

Keep your eye out for the camera crew that will be filming all the fun this year. If you're in the right spot at the right time, you're family and friends might catch you on TSN or the Outdoor Network when the show airs. Bill Deba and his crew from Canadian Sports and Fishing TV Productions Inc. of Waterdown, ON, will be on hand to film all the action this fun event has to offer.

Bill Deba was actually the one who came up with the idea of

Timbersport. While working for Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay, he started holding the event at different colleges and it just caught on from there

So don't miss out on the action! The fun all gets underway around 9 a.m. and goes to roughly 4 p.m. But hey ... the fun doesn't have to stop there.. No sir – head on over to the Haliburton County Fair Beef BBQ at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. There's lots to see and do in Minden!

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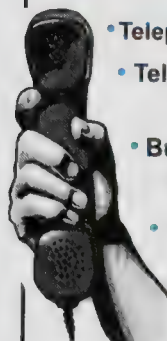
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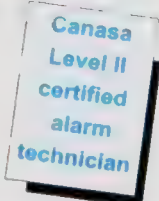
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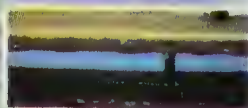
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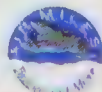
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by the Bashful Comic



The Shepherd

Submitted by Louise Berry

A Shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of the dust cloud towards him.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the shepherd, "If I tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?"

The shepherd looked at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looked at his peacefully-grazing flock and calmly answered, "Sure."

The yuppie parked his car, whipped out his lap top and connected it to a cell phone, then he surfed to a NASA page on the internet where he called up a GPS satellite navigation system, scanned the area, and then opened up a database and an Excel spreadsheet with complex formulas. He sent an e-mail on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, received a response.

Finally, he prints out a 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized printer then turns to the Shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1,586 sheep."

"That is correct; take one of the sheep," says the shepherd, and watches the young man select one of the animals and bundle it into his car.

Then the Shepherd says: "If I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?"

"OK, why not," answered the young man.

"Clearly, you are a consultant," says the shepherd.

"That's correct," says the yuppie. "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answers the shepherd. "You turned up here although nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked, and you don't know crap about my business. - Now give me back my dog."

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The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Saved by a Dream:

The nature, meaning and purpose of dreams is still largely unknown. Occasionally, dreams have proved to have a power that reaches beyond rational explanation. And in this one instance, at least, a dream saved several lives.

The year was 1740 when a ship captained by Thomas Shubrick set sail for London from Charleston, South Carolina. Soon after reaching the open sea, a violent storm struck the area. The hard, driving rain and fierce winds caused great concern among the citizens of Charleston who were the friends and loved ones of the ship's crew. They knew very well that the storm placed in peril the lives of all aboard Shubrick's ship. Experienced sailors were certain that the ship could not have survived the terrible maelstrom and most likely was lost at sea.

That very night, a vivid dream came to a woman named Mrs. Wragg, who was the wife of a close friend of Captain Shubrick. In the dream, she saw the wreckage of the ship in the dark, rolling ocean - but also saw Shubrick alive and

You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a rollercoaster.

clinging to floating debris. In the morning, she told her husband of her vision and was so profoundly affected by it that she insisted that he organize a search for the ship's survivors. The storm had dissipated, so Mr. Wragg set off with a small crew in another ship. Unfortunately, no trace of Shubrick's ship was found, and Wragg returned with the bad news.

The next night, however, Mrs. Wragg had the very same dream - again seeing the captain clinging for life in the cold water. A second search was no more successful than the first.

The insistent dream came to Mrs. Wragg a third night, and this time she had to beg her husband to once again search for survivors. Mr. Wragg was reluctant to pursue what seemed like a futile effort, but his wife was so sure that her dream-vision was correct that her persistence won out. A third search voyage was organized. But this time, Captain Shubrick and one member of his crew were found, exhausted but alive, held afloat by pieces of the broken ship - just as Mrs. Wragg had seen in her dream. It was a dream that saved two men's lives.

Just a little of what we have "in store" for you !!

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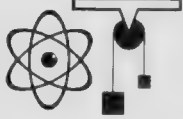
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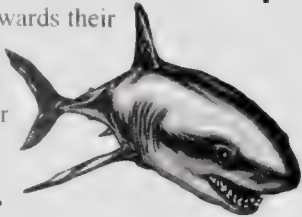
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Fish don't have eyelids like yours. Your eyelids protect only when you blink or close your eyes to keep them wet and to wipe away dirt and dust and so on. That kind of protection isn't enough for a fish. Just as you put on a mask when you want to swim around and look at things underwater, so fish eyes have a clear covering that gives them constant protection. Fish don't need eyelids like yours for other reasons. Since fish live in water their eyes are always wet. Also, things move more slowly in water than in air, so fish can dodge most dirt. And even if something does enter their eyes, it's not going fast enough to do much damage. To protect their eyes when they're racing towards their prey, sharks roll them back into their head, make a blind charge and, at the last second, unroll their eyes to see what's for dinner.



We Asked You!

What are your plans for battling the bugs this summer?



Glenn Sinclair

Visiting Gelert from Keswick, "Some form of bug spray, hopefully not too toxic and spending a lot of time in a dining tent."



Jim Jones

Cottaging on Drag Lake, from Niagra Falls

"No plans. They don't bother me a bit and if they do, scratch when you're itchy."



Crystal Bain

From Eagle Lake

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Dan Coghlan

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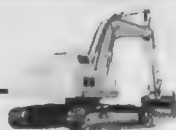
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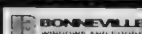
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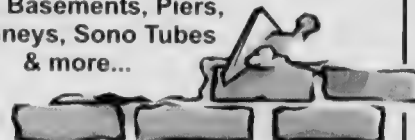


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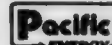
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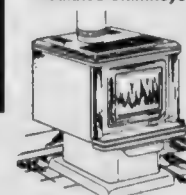


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Most people get the wrong answer.

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Only look at the correct answer after you have tried it.

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for answer see pg. 62



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The first correct answer pulled from entries received wins \$50! It's that easy and it's fun too!

There were 16 Sams in total in last month's issue. They were hidden in the following ads: WRD Cottage Rental, Roberts marina, Bryson's Marine, Curry Motors, Lynne Duncombe, Newbats, The Millpond Rest., 4 Seasons Parts & Accs., Elephant Lake Lodge, Paulmac's Pet Food, Candlelight Communicatorions, Screaming Eagle Paintball, Gnyea Eaves & Siding, Don Barker Heating & Cooling, Monmouth Masonry, Durham Drywall

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The winner of the Louie's Car Care & Pasta Ta Pizza prize pack is Maxine Snell of Minden

For this month's contest
details see pg. 34

Classifieds Work!!

Who Dun-it

answer ...

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Brain Teaser

Answer:

The answer is 4100 not 5000. Try it with a calculator.

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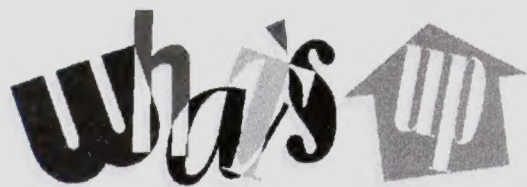
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Deadline for our next issue is June 5

Event Summary

- May 30 - June 1
25th Annual Haliburton Home & Vacation Show. See pg. 8 & 9
May 31
Fling in the Spring Antique & Classic Auto Show. In Wilberforce at the Lloyd Watson Centre - see great classics & more!
June 1 & 2
Young Eagles Day - Free Flights for Youth - see pg. 5
June 5
Arty Party for those involved in the arts - see pg. 53
June 7
Giant Dinner Auction at the Minden Community Centre. See pg. 8
June 8
Wilberforce Legion 30th Anniversary Celebration - see pg. 35
June 9
Harcourt Clean Up Day - see pg. 33
June 13
Fundraising Fashion Show for exchange student - see pg. 37
June 13 - 15
Ski for MS - Haliburton - See pg. 2
June 14
Timbersport in Minden - see pg. 55
Beef BQ in Minden following Timbersport - at the Arena

Calling All Musicians

Notice to all interested persons: The 1st Annual "Regional Country Music Talent Showdown" at Havelock's Country Music Showplace on Wednesday, August 13th...Havelock Community Centre...1:00 pm- 8:00 pm. Contestants are invited to send: a 3 song audition tape with photo and names, address, phone number, e-mail address and an outline of past endeavours to Soundsmith Recording Studio, Box 181, Trent River, On. K0L 2Z0. This is open to Bands, Groups, Trios, Duets, Solos and Instrumentals. Please, no canned music: must have a live accompaniment. Youngest performer...10 years of age.

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